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Truckee Republican

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Shorts About Service Men

What the Boys are Doing Here and There

One of our favorite soldiers, Pfc. George (Bud) Zorich, who returned recently from Kiska where he evidently didn't enjoy himself, arrived home last week in time to help in bidding 1943 farewell. Bud related a few uncensored reports on his life in the Aleutians and announced that he is no longer with the ski troops but in the infantry and will report back to Camp Carson, Colo, for a new assignment.

Then our favorite soldier of this and all other wars, Corporal Doug Barrett jingled our phone yesterday a.m. with the surprising announcement that he had arrived from his post in the Arctic regions for a stay of two weeks at home. Doug made the trip in record time and aroused the envy of many with his substantial arctic GI wearing apparel and his healthy appearance after more than a year among the Eskimo. Believe us we were glad and excited and if more than the ordinary number of "boners" show up in this issue of the Sun, we must be forgiven.

Staff Sgt. Ed. Waters, who has enjoyed a brief furlough here after a siege in the Canal Zone, left on Monday for Fort Ord where he will be reassigned.

It is now Gunner's Mate Third Class William Waters of the navy, according to latest word from the youngest member of the Waters fighting clan. The two other boys in the service, Roy and Ervin are in Europe with the army, Roy someplace in Italy and Ervin in England, we presume.

A flock of nice V-mail Christmas cards arrived last week, one being from Sgt. Paul Losey, who announces "Greetings from Britain" and extending best wishes to all his pals all over the world and the friends at home.

Still another from the South Pacific from Chief Phamacist's Mate Maxwell McGwinn. Max declares he is now on a jungle island and living quite well despite the isolation. He sent a card bearing the picture of a sailor astraddle a tall palm tree hopefully scanning the watery horizon "Just looking for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to send to you." Thanks Max and the same to you.

"Here I am a long ways from home," writes Staff Sgt. Ervin Waters in his V-mail card from Great Britain. Erv sends his best regards to all his friends here and abroad.

Sgt.. Joe Gallerani of the Marines has recently been awarded the Purple Heart, his brother John of Kings Beach informs us. Details of the engagement and particulars of the wound will have to await until after the war.

First Lieutenant Herman "Bud" Owens of the Signal Corps, now stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., arrived home yesterday for a brief visit with his parents and friends. Bud, Doug Barrett and Karl Kielhofer were all guests of the Truckee Lions Club last night.

Elton Tobiassen, better known to his wide circle of friends as Bub, has started farming operations since receiving his medical discharge from the Coast Guard early in the fall. He will now raise food for victory.

—Grass Valley Union.

THREE SOLDIERS ARE SPEAKERS AT LIONS MEET

Three of Truckee's sons now in the armed forces, were guest speakers at the meeting of the Lions Club last night, during the meeting presided over by N. F. Dolley. Sgt. B. W. Reynolds gave a report on the New Year's Eve dinner.

Lt. Herman Owens of the signal corps, now stationed in Washington; Sergeant Karl Kielhofer, recently returned from the Aleutians and Corp. Douglas Barrett, home on furlough from the Arctic area, gave brief but highly interesting accounts of their recent activities. Both Kielhofer and Barrett related that they experienced raids by the Japs during their trips to the North Pacific areas, one being by sea and the other by air.

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TWO AUTO WRECKS RESULT FROM ICY ROADS IN AREA

The automobile wrecks during the past week in which drivers and occupants escaped without injury were reported by the California Highway Patrol.

S. W. Jackson, Minneapolis, Minn., escaped when his car skidded on the pavement near Cisco and went off the road into the rocks 18 feet below the grade. Sergeant B. W. Reynolds who investigated, said the car was badly damaged.

Charles R. O'Keefe of San Francisco, driving east, was unhurt when his car was wrecked after skidding on the icy road a mile west of Boca. Patrolman William Gautsche made the investigation.

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KIN OF DONNER PARTY MEMBER EXPIRES AT BAY

Funeral services were held at Burlingame last week for William Green Murphy, a resident of Belmont in San Mateo county for the past 80 years. A heart attack was the cause of his death.

His family history is closely connected with the history of this section of the state. His father, William G. Murphy, and his grandmother, Mrs. Lavina Murphy, were members of the famous and ill-fated Donner Party. The city of Marysville was named after his aunt, Mary M. Murphy, it is reported.

Murphy was an active Mason and a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

He is survived by a son, William Murphy, Jr., of Oakland.

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TAX PAYMENTS IN COUNTY EXCELLENT

County Treasurer Elma Hecker has made public a report of taxes collected for 1943-1944. The report showed that about two thirds of the entire county assessment tax was received at the treasurer's office before the December 6 deadline. This period, usually described as the "first installment" period, witnessed an unusual number of in-full payments.

The total tax to be collected in 1943-1944 amounts to $432,110.33. Up to and including December 6, the payments reached $288,796.47, leaving a "second installment" balance of but $143,313.86. The remaining taxes become delinquent on April 20, 1944.

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THOS. MELLON RITES ARE HELD AT RENO

Funeral services were held at the Ross Burke chapel in Reno Monday afternoon for Thomas W. Mellon for some time a resident of the Emigrant Trail Lodge, who expired last Thursday morning following a lengthy illness. Interment was in the Reno cemetery.

SUGAR RATION TO BE THE SAME IN COMING PERIOD

Sugar rations for consumers will remain the same for another two and a half months, the Office of Price Administration has announced. Sugar stamp Number 30 in War Ration Book Four becomes valid on January 16, and it is good for buying five pounds of sugar through the end of March. Sugar stamp 29 expires January 15.

Sugar rations of institutions remain the same as at present, and industrial users have returned to the former allowance of 80 per cent of their 1941 base since the expiration of the holiday bonus period.

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DINNER DANCE IS RATED BIG SUCCESS AS CLUBS COMBINE

The New Year's Eve dinner dance sponsored by the joint committes of the Truckee Lions and Rotary clubs at Capitol Hall last Friday was an outstanding success and the 100 or more participants watched the old year out and the new in with typical Truckee hospitality. Sergeant B. W. Reynolds acted as committee chairman and master of ceremonies and accomplished a creditable job.

Following the dinner and program during which Miss June Van Sandt sang, Mrs. J. R. Wolert rendered two piano solos and Catherine Alger danced, the three service men present, Yeoman Marion Follett, Sergeant Edwin Waters and Pfc. George Zorich, and the one veteran, Heslin Cardinal were introduced. The dancing was thoroughly enjoyed with Mrs. H. G. Loehr and Mrs. Fritz Perry providing the music with W. M. Englehart, Sr., assisting occasionally on the trumpet.

An excellent dinner was provided by Mr. and Mrs. H. Ciardella and all left declaring the evening most enjoyable.

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RETAILERS WARNED TO GET NEW TOKENS

Retailers selling rationed foods should file their applications for ration tokens by Saturday, Jan. 8, to have a supply when the token plan starts February 27, the Office of Price Administration said this week.

The application form is being distributed to retailers by trade associations and also is available at the local rationing board.

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REYNOLDS GIRL IS INJURED ON SKIS

Little Miss Sharon Reynolds is confined to the home of her parents, Sgt. and Mrs. B. W. Reynolds this week as the result of a skiing accident suffered Monday evening. The child was skiing near her home and fell, badly spraining one of her knees. Dr. J. H. Bernard was called to treat the injury.

My Place In The Sun

By CORP. DOUG BARRETT

Well, friends,if you will look closely at the top of the column you will see the usual "Excerpts, etc." lines are missing. Cause why? Cause for two weeks I'm right here at the old stand, a virtual galley slave again. I was sitting up in the vicinity of the North Pole and my C.O. must have figured that I was feeling kind of home sick so he bundled me off home on the first furlough I've had since I went into the army a year and some ago. It's great to be home, even though the weather is quite similar to what I've been used to up north. Anyhow, gosh dern it all, I'm glad to be back even for a little while and will sure be sorry to leave when the time comes.

The trip by train after my point of entry into the United States was really a ringer. If those railroaders aren't having it tough, nobody is .. On the trip down I saw my first WAC and my frst WAVE—and was I chagrined. Here this little slip of a miss—no bigger than a rationed two cent worth—out ranks me by two grades. Wadda a War!

When I got in in the wee small hours yesterday morn, I spotted Rufe Gregory and Frank Titus putting Loynd's Truckee Drug to bed .. The things that I miss most around town are the young men—I mean those even younger than yours trooly —like Harry Digesti, Jim Thomas, Nick Sassarini, et al. Believe me, men, this is going to be one big old party in Truckee come D-Day .... The things that I don't miss often are the veddy attractive young misses who are now in the midst of the woods. Of course, the local girls were always good looking, but there seems to be a lot more of them now. My neck is stiff already trying to keep up with them .... Just spotted Barney Phipps cleaning snow and ice off his car windows .... Charlie White bustling home to get set for the Lions Club's social session Wednesday peeem .... I seem to be the most conspicuous person in town with my white parka, (pronounced "parkey" by the boys in the know). It's not that I want to be conspicuous, friends, (no wise cracks now) but it is a darned nice coat and I think it's a good idea to let you folks know the kind of equipment you buy when you put the War Bond money over the bar ..

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YOUNG CAR THIEF APPREHENDED BY STATE PATROL HERE

The 18th juvenile delinquecy case to be handled by the Truckee squad of the California Highway patrol, involving teen aged youths since August was handled Tuesday when Francis Drenning, 17, Buffalo, New York, was arrested by Officer Earl Crane and admitted stealing a big sedan in North Sacramento because "I got homesick and was anxious to get back home."

Drenning, was seen near the sedan stalled in a snow bank just east of the Donner Summit bridge. Tracks in the loose snow indicated the boy was the sole occupant and driver, although a friendly bull dog, which had been left in the car by the owner still occupied the machine when it was recovered.

Drenning at first denied the theft but when questioned at the highway patrol office later, finally admitted the charge. He was returned to Auburn by Patrolman Crane.

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MORE NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE HERE

Most recent books announced by the Wyethia Club library are All Night Long by Caldwell; Last of Summer by O'Brien; Seven Came Through by Rickenbacker; The Killer and the Slain by Walpole and That Lofty Sky by Hough.

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GAS RATION CUT FOR WEST COAST

"The gasoline quota for civilian use on the West Coast has been cut another 1000 barrels a day for January and every motorist must now consider gasoline conservation a personal responsibility," James J. Boyle, district director of the Office of Price Administration, announced today.

Boy Is Seriously Injured As Sled And Auto Collide

Other Children Warned To Stop Sliding On Highway

Joseph Garcia, 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Nieves Garcia, was seriously injured Tuesday evening at 5:30 o'clock when the sled upon which he was coasting down Spring street crashed into a car driven by Louie Sarvini of 624 Ryland Street, Reno.

The grammar school boy suffered a bad fracture of his right wrist and possible fracture of the left arm, a severe scalp and head wound and his upper lip was nearly severed.

He was treated by Dr. J. H. Bernard who said the right wrist break was bad and that the head injuries might be serious.

Garcia with a number of other boys was coasting down the icy grade and permitting their speeding sleds to emerge upon the highway. Sarvini started to turn up Spring street off the highway, saw the sled coming and stopped. The sled smashed into the front of the vehicle with terrific force.

State Patrolman H. B. Fowler investigated the accident and warned other children to stop using the street and highway as slides.

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MOTHER OF LOCAL MAN SUCCUMBS AT COLFAX HOME

Mrs. Sarah Williams of Colfax passed away at her home Wednesday afternoon following a prolonged illness.

She is survived by two sons, Henry Williams, Southern Pacfic yard master at Truckee and John Williams of Colfax; and four daughters, Mrs. Annie Schillinger of Sacramento, Mrs. J. K. Black of San Francisco, Mrs. E. Hutchison of Marysville and Mrs. B. F. Dressen of Colfax.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family.

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OLD DONNER TRAIL IN UTAH NOW IS BLASTED BY BOMBS

The great desert wastes southwest of Salt Lake, which spelled the beginning of the end for the Donner Party in 1846, have become a bombing range for air force training crews.

The information is contained in a letter from Charles Kelly, Utah authority on pioneer routes, to Carroll D. Hall, curator of Sutter's Fort.

Kelly congratulated Hall on the Fort's possession of the cream of relics of the Donner Party collected in 1927 by Charles Davis and presented by him to the Sutter's Fort Historical Museum.

"I suppose the old trail and other relics remaining there have been blasted into oblivion," Kelly said. "It is certainly fortunate you already have the cream of the stuff, as it is unlikely any more will be found. Cap. Davis deserves much credit for originally locating the Donner Trail and preserving those relics.

A sea captain with a perchant for exploration, Davis set out in 1927 to follow the Donner Trail from Sutter's Fort to Fort Bridger. He discovered the remains of wagons and oxen and goods cached by the Donner group. These he packed out and gave to the museum.

The Donner Party left the emigrant road near Fort Bridger in 1846 to attempt a shortcut to Sutter's Fort. In the salt desert their oxen stampeded; the group abandoned wagons and cached goods. They struggled through to California only to be trapped by snow near Donner Lake where many of them died during the winter of 1846-47.

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IMPORTANT MEET OF P. T. A. CALLED

Mrs. E. L. Loynd, publicity chairman for the Parents and Teachers Association, announced that an important business meeting will be held at the grammar school auditorium at eight o'clock Friday evening.

The successor to Mrs. Judson Foster, president, who has left here, is to be chosen and the organization of a membership drive and general improvement program will be discussed.

All members and interestel persons are urged to attend.

Sun Beams

by WALTER M. BARRETT

The accident at the foot of Spring Street this week which almost cost a small boy his life and resulted in him suffering serious injuries was a most regrettable affair. However, we hope it was an incident which will serve as a bitter lesson to the other youngsters of the area who can avoid the traffic hazard at the blind corner near the Telephone Building marked with a seldom observed stop sign leading into the highway. Scores of similar accidents there have been narrowly averted as youngsters come sailing down the icy slope at unbelievable speed on their little sleds, swerve around the corner and dash into traffic going both directions. Children have every right to enjoy the privileges of the snow, but there are many far safer places than using the highway when ice and snow make it impossible for youngsters or drivers of motor cars to control their vehicles.

About this time each year we cannot help offering praise for those fellows who are fighting night and day, against terrific odds, to keep our highways open over the Donner Pass. Theirs is too often a thankless task. Motorists have become accustomed to finding the roads open and probably seldom stop to think what effort goes into the job. Or, if they think about it at all, too often they are concerned more with the inconvenience of having to install skid chains or cast a mild curse when they are momentarily delayed by stalled traffic. The men of the highway maintenance crew face all kinds of weather, night and day, in all kinds of road conditions, usually bad, and the worse the storm the harder they work. When the wind is howling well over 60 miles an hour on the summit and the snow is drifting into the road as fast as the plows can throw it out, these men battle the elements without halt, just so you and I and hundreds of others can drive in comparative safety. It is true these fellows are paid for their work, but they are passing up the much higher wages paid in other essential war jobs and can be a bit smug in the fact that they are doing a task equally or more important than some for which less skilled and less able men and even women get twice the pay for far less hazarduous chores in the name of war effort.

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SUBSTANTIAL GAINS SHOWN IN BANK'S ANNUAL STATEMENT

Substantial increases in total resources, deposits and investments, as well as enchanced capital funds and an increase in surplus account, featured a record year of growth for Bank of America. This is reflected in the bank's statement of condition at the close of business December 31.

On December 15, surplus account was increased from $62,000,000 to $75,000,000 by transfer of $13,000,000 from undivided profits account. As a result the bank's lending capacity is augmented in line with its increased volume of war production loans.

Total resources, the statement now shows, were $3,697,913,000 an increase of $926,223,000 over a year ago.

Deposits totaled $3,498,153,000, a gain of $912,013,000 during the year.

President L. M. Giannini commented that while the Bank of America was serving in the present emergency with every available facility, the management was engaged in concrete forward plans for the post-war period "We are determined," he said, 'to provide every possible banking aid for stabilizing California's industrial, agricultural and commercial activities so that a high rate of employment may be maintained."

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ELIGIBILITY FOR STOVE PURCHASE WIDENED BY OPA

Under modified rulings, consumers who formerly were not eligible for the purchase of rationed heating or cooking stoves may now meet requirements for eligibility if they have stoves which cannot be used satisfactorily for reasons beyond their control, the Office of Price Administration has announced.

Essential community activities requiring stoves to heat premises are also considered eligible for ration certificates.

Worst Storm Of Winter Leaves Heavy Snowfall

16 Inches of Snow Recorded In Truckee; Four Feet On Summit

With 16 inches of snow on the ground in Truckee, 48 inches on the Donner Summit and more than two feet at Tahoe City, residents of the area Tuesday and Wednesday witnessed the most severe storm of the season.

While all traffic and communications continued uninterrupted, there were times when a general tie-up was threatened as maintenance men battled the lashing blizzard.

The Forest Service here this morning reported that while only four inches of new snow fell yesterday, the precipitation for the day was .78 of an inch, bringing the total precipitation for the storm during the past two days to 1.26 inches and for the season since September 1 to 4.35 inches.

All highways over the Sierra were closed with the exception of Route 40, where equipment and man-power is being concentrated to prevent a closure.

Barometers today were reported rising and an end of the storm was foreseen.

U. S. Highway 50 is closed at Kyburz, the Yuba Pass road is blocked by more than a foot of heavy snow and stat route 89 between Hobart Mills and Sierraville is closed by two feet of snow.

Highway and railroad rotary plows were called into action yesterday for the first time this season as crews manned the equipment to keep the traffic flowing. The heavy water content of the snow made highway traffic uncertain at times as the heavy scrapers used previously to keep the icy snowcap cleared from the pavement are not being permitted on this section of the highway this winter. Efforts are being made to have this equipment returned.

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MOTHER OF LOCAL MERCHANT DIES AT SPARKS HOME

Last rites were held Monday at Reno for Mrs. Clara Beall Lewis, 76, mother of B. F. Lewis, Truckee businessman, who died at her home in Sparks, Friday morning following a heart attack said to have been brought on by influenza.

Mrs. Lewis was a native of Central Point, Oregon and was born on November 7. She was the daughter of Senator and Mrs. Thomas Beall, pioneer residents of the Rogue River valley near Medford. She was one of 12 children. After teaching school for a few years, she married 55 years ago in Red Bluff to I. M. Lewis, also of Oregon. To them were born six children, five of whom are still living.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Lewis leaves one brother, Lee Beall of Lakeview, Oregon; three sons and two daughters and nine grandchildren. The sons are B. F. Lewis of Truckee, I. F. Lewis of Reno, Jack M. Lewis of San Francisco and the daughters are Mrs. Joseph McDonald of Reno and Mrs. L. G. O'Neal of Sparks. Misses Clarabel Lewis and Miss Loretta Lewis of Truckee were grandchildren.

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In Hospital—

Mrs. Ida Cadjew who has been ill for some time was taken to a Reno hospital for treatment yesterday.

To Modesto—

Mrs. Joseph Zorich and son, Pfc. George Zorich are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seely at Modesto and plan to return the latter part of the week.

To Floriston—

The Maximo Gordon family has moved from Truckee to Floriston.

From Gridley—

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Matson of Gridley were week end visitors in Truckee.

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SHOE RATION RELAXED

Shoe stores may sell at $3 or less a pair and ration free 15 per cent of their stock of women's shoes for a two weeks period from Janaury 17 through January 29, the OPA has announced. The shoe supply picture has not improved, the OPA said, but the step is taken to enable dealers to dispose of limited quantities of wearable shoes, mostly novelty types.

Laundry and Dry Cleaning

SERVICE CONTINUES

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Duration-ize your Appliances with timely repair

Look over all of the appliances in your home. Check particularly those appliances you use constantly like the range, vacuum cleaner, refrigerator, washing machine and iron or ironer. Do any of these need repair or reconditioning?

You will be wise now to Duration-ize your appliances with timely repair. That means catching repairs in time before a complete breakdown occurs.

If your old equipment must be replaced—do it now. Some new appliances are still available in store stocks. Otherwise be sure to take care of what you have. Keep it in repair. Make sure it will carry-on with efficient service. It is a wartime necessity.

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TELEPHONE HEAD PAYS TRIBUTE TO BOYS IN SERVICE IN REPORT

N. R. Powley, president of the Company, in commenting on the company's affairs in connection with the release of dividend checks for the fourth quarter, being made this week, pays tribute to the millions of American youth on the war front, to the telephone men and women who fight shoulder to shoulder with them and to the general public.

This Yuletide Season brings more than ever to us the full realization of the presence on the war front of the millions of American youth—boys and girls—who are fighting to save and to keep secure all that makes for life itself.

To these boys and girls and to our telephone men and women who fight shoulder to shoulder with them we, the directors, officers and all members of our telephone family on the home front, bow in admiration and assure them not only of our grateful appreciation, but also of our deep sense of obligation to be worthy of the sacrifices they are so courageously and so effectively making to take our great nation through to the supreme vistory which is so surely to be ours.

Our Christmas greetings and good wishes for the New Year to our far-flung fighting forces carry with them our reassurance that we will steadfastly so serve on the home front that we will help the more to build a better world "On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Man."

The past year, with its many perplexing problems, has been one of the most active and strenuous periods ever experienced by our company. Accustomed as it is to rising to all emergencies, our organization met the challenge creditably and effectively. No task was too difficult. Not withstanding the fact that as the year progressed our men and women had more to od hiwtiF2dEetaoin had "more to do with less to do it with", they nevertheless gave full expression to their high resolve to overcome all difficulties by their splendid performance in "taking the message through." We take justifiable pride in the accomplishments of our personnel who have outstandingly exemplified their devotion to duty and high morale throughout a most trying and critical year.

The company gratefully acknowledges and deeply appreciates the aid and assistance rendered by our customers during the past year which has been an important contribution to the company's all out war effort.

The preliminary earnings report for the fourth quarter will approximate $1.66 per share, or 12 cents less per share than the $1.78 per share earned in the third quarter.

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POPULATION SHOWS DROP IN COUNTY, TAX GROUP FINDS

Civilian population of Nevada county for January, 1944, is 15,500, California Taxpayers' association estimated today. At the time the 1940 census was taken, there were 19,283 people in the county. Population for the county for January, 1943, was estimated at 17,000.

Population of the state is estimated at 8,014,000 for January, 1944, by the association. This is an increase of 1,007,000 or about 16 per cent, over the 6,907,387 people shown by the 1940 census.

Communities with large war industries have drained manpower and population from many California counties," the association found. "While two counties, Contra Costa and Solano have more than doubled in population since the census, 21 counties are estimated to have smaller population for January, 1944 than they had when the census was taken.

Placer county when the 1940 census was taken had 28,108 people and it is now estimated to have 27,000.

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S. P. WITHDRAWS ITS PLACER LAND OPTION

According to word from Auburn, the Southern Pacific Lands company has withdrawn an option given to the United States Forest Service for purchase of 55,000 acres of land in Placer County for inclusion in the the Tahoe National Forest. Forester S. B. Show had appealed that the land be sold so that private interests whom he did not name is interested in obtaining rights to cut timber in the Tahoe National Forest on the ten year plan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Weller Atherton entertained at a New Year's dinner party for the Henry Soll family and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Simmonds.

Mrs. Virginia Cannon and Mrs. Portia McDonald daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Greene of Tahoe Tavern left last week for their homes in Pasadena wher Mrs. Cannon's husband will join them.

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Condensed Statement of Condition December 31, 1943

RESOURCES

Cash in Vault and in Federal Reserve Bank		$ 466,559,087.88
Due from Banks		265,533,557.09
TOTAL CASH	$ 732,092,644.97	
Securities of the United States Government and Federal Agencies		1,844,553,585.77
State, County and Municipal Bonds		187,977,384.12
Other Bonds and Securities		59,181,752.01
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank		3,720,000.00
Loans and Discounts		810,660,642.03
Accrued Interest and Accounts Receivable		10,472,722.41
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures and Safe Deposit Vaults		25,883,704.60
Other Real Estate Owned		1,363,620.75
Customers' Liability on Account of Letters of Credit, Acceptances and Endorsed Bills		20,898,072.78
Other Resources		1,108,545.34
TOTAL RESOURCES		$3,697,912,674.78

LIABILITIES

DEPOSITS:		
Demand	$2,261,274,250.67	
Savings and Time	1,236,878,959.20	$3,498,153,209.87
Liability for Letters of Credit and as Acceptor, Endorser or Maker on Acceptances and Foreign Bills		21,228,216.77
Reserve for Interest Received in Advance		3,596,650.63
Reserve for Interest, Taxes, etc.		8,549,603.00
Capital:		
Common (4,000,000 Shares)	$ 50,000,000.00	
Preferred (405,146 Shares)*	8,102,920.00	
Surplus	75,000,000.00	
Undivided Profits	12,051,167.67	
Reserve for War Contingencies, etc.	13,919,040.87	
Other Reserves	3,209,332.32	
Reserve for Increase of Common Capital	3,897,080.00	
Preferred Stock Retirement Fund	205,453.65	
TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS		166,384,994.51
TOTAL LIABILITIES		$3,697,912,674.78

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This statement includes the figures of the London, England, banking office.

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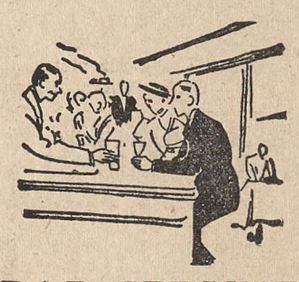

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HOLIDAY INTERFERS WITH MEETING— ONE ATTENDS

TAHOE CITY, Jan. 6.— Tahoe Branch of Defense Rangers held their regular monthly meeting at the Tahoe Community Center on the last Tuesday of the month as usual, but with only ONE member present—the faithful Chief Ranger C. W. Vernon.

Due to the nearby holiday season and the cold weather—it was supposed that other members forgot to attend.

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Tahoe Briefs

All Lake Tahoe Ski Club members are urged to attend the reguluar monthly meeting at the Community Hall. And all those who would like to join are especially invited to be present.

Mrs. Stella Watson writes that Bob Watson who fell while doing repairs on a roof, is confined to bed with a fractured pelvis at Clarksville and his new year's resolution has been not to climb any more icy roofs.

Lt. and Mrs. Gurney Breckenfeldt of San Francisco have recently moved from Roswell to Hobbs, New Mexico. Breckenfeldt has been a summer resident at Tahoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Frazier of Lake Forest visited their son James, a gunner's mate, third class, at San Francisco on Christmas Day. Jim is now on shore police duty in the heart of the city and enjoys his new assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bosen left Tuesday for Reno to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sholand.

Mrs. George Tiffee, Tahoe Lake school custodian, moved into her Tahoe City home Saturday night. Mr. Tiffee and Blodwyn are remaining at the McClatchy estate temporairly.

TAHOE CITY ROAD TO MEEKS BAY CLOSED BY SNOW

TAHOE CITY, Jan. 6.— Tahoe residents dug themeslves out of the sonw covered homes and highways Monday morning after the storms on Saturuday and Sunday left over two feet on newsnow in some lakeshore regions.

Fourteen inches fell Saturday with a precipitation of 1.29 inches.

The lake level on January 2 was 6226.74 feet with 286 CSF of water leaving by the Truckee river dam. Baromoters were still low Monday with indications of continued storms. Highest temperature during the past week was 40 degrees.

Residents along the highways toward Meeks Bay were unable to receive their mail Monday morning as usual as the highway was impassable, and Bert Watson, the mail driver, was not able to make the trip. It is hoped that some means of transportation for the south shore residents will be provided as many of them have been ill and might possibly have to be rushed to a doctor. It is reported that at Tahoma a small member of the Campbell family is quite sick with the mumps and at Tahoe Pines, Mrs. Otis Hursey has been quite ill for several weeks with colds.

The snowfall is usually much deeper along this section and home owners are unable to make the trip until after the plow has been over the road.

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Greetings were received this week by Tahoe friends from Mr. and Mrs. Matt Green who are vacationing at Mexico City.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs George Tiffee over the weekend were his sisters Mrs. Arthur Ragel of Oklahoma, Mrs. S. D. Dane of Santa Cruz and Mrs. Laura Henly of Richmond.

TAHOE LETTER

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To the Service Men

From SWANEE

Richmond, Calif.
January 1, 1943

Dear Tahoeites:

Well, this is my first letter for the brand new year, and I want to wish you all the choicest of the year's blessings, with a sincere hope that General Ike knows whereof he speaks when he says that Victory and Peace will be ours this year. It is the one fervent wish in the hearts of each man, woman and child throughout the universe. We had HOPED for it in 1943 but since that did not come to pass we will continue to hope, with nenewed faith, that the new year will be our lucky one. It can't be a happy new year to all, but it can be made happier if each of us will pitch in and do our best to contribue whatever of our skill, financial support and moral and physical aid it is possible to give, bringing the victorious end every day one step closer and closer.

For my part, I spent a very quiet New Year's eve this year, playing night nurse for my newest grandson and daughter, Marie, both of whom are doing splendidly. They arrived home in an ambulance Thursday and were grateful for having been allowed even six days in the hospital, a hectic place thes wartime days.

Today is New Year's Day and it is a colorless one here in Richmond, neither raining or sunny, just sort of murky with rainclouds threatening over the bay and a stiff breeze blowing. Last night the old year was escorted out to the tune of shipyard whistles, and a number of bells ringing for a short time, but today is no holiady here, all the shipyard workers appearing as usual for their regular shifs. It augurs a fine spirit of determination to make General Eisenhower's prophesy come true .... victory in 1944!

Received my first copy of the Sierra Sun Monday that I have seen since leaving home over a month ago and have a much better idea how it feels now to be without news of the hometown. Can well understand how folks away from the Tahoe-Truckee region must feel after a continued absence, losing all contact with old friends and neighbors. Perhaps after this war is over the lowly and often unappreciated hometown sheet will be given the place of honor it so nobly deserves in our everyday way of life. According to my mail, the Sierra Sun has found that hallowed spot long since in the hearts of many of our loyal readers.

Last week brought me a number of interesting letters from Tahoeites, among them a long interesting chat with Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Valentine, of Valentine's Lodge near the Tavern They refused to state before leaving just where they would winter, because, Mrs. V. tells me, she wasn't at all sure they could get as far as Mexico! They drove to Phoenix, storing their car there. The trip that far was very pleasant, but from then on it was a different story. The train was four hours late, and loaded to the gunnels with sodliers and sailors, but everyone was happy to make the trip as pleasant for them as possible. They just made the Mexican sleeper to Juarez by the skin of their teeth, having a great deal of trouble locating a lost suitcase and there was much cutting of red tape at the border. The dining service was adequate, but far below standards and their engine lost some kind of a nut from its intricate mechanism which necessitated the train being sdetracked for two hours more until a passing engine could spare them an extra nut from the tool box. They arrived at Mexico City seven hours late, their companions on the last leg of their journey being all Mexicans except three other Americans from Los Angeles. The Valentines are now comfortably esconsed at the Hotel Gillow where from her descriptions, the winter should pass swiftly and pleasantly as a summer breeze!

Also from Buzones, Mexico, came a picture post card and cheery greeting from Miss Eunice Duffee, daughter of the Joseph Duffees of Lake Forest. She declared that she too was having a grand time seeing the sights but failed to state just who all was in her party. Mrs. Valentine intimated that the Matt Greens were vacationing in the vicinity of Mexico but whether the Duffees were along we haven't been told.

Came too late last week a friendly greeting of Leta Hull, former chief operaor at the Tahoe telephone exchange for years. She is now employed at Breuner's at Sacramento where she and her husband are living in their little dream house, purchased some months ago in West Sacramento. She has been back to Kansas to visit her father who was suddenly taken seriously ill and enjoyed quite a stay there with her family. She insists that I visit her en route back to Tahoe and I hope I can arrange it as nothing would please me more.

From Marie Henry I received one of her chummy letters, bringing me up to date on the meanderings of the Henry clan. She made a trip to Reno before Christmas and met Pat, did some shopping, sat a while in her dentist's chair and gabbed about Tahoe a spell. She tells me that Pat has received her transfer to an Oakland airport where she is now working in the weather bureau nd residing with her folks again.

Leave you for another week, and plan to enjoy a real Tahoe dinner today thank's to friend husband and son Jimmie who sent us down six fat ducks and a big fat her for New Year's Day. May the new year ahead bring peace and victory to our troubled world and to you boys good luck, good cheer and good hunting.

As ever,
SWANEE.

Tahoe Briefs o o

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bechdolt, Jr., spent the weekend in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Carnell are expecting to welcome home their son, Dick on January 15 for a furlough from his training with the signal corps in the south.

David Woodhouse of San Francisco entertained a group of friends at his mother's home at the Mc Clatchy estate over the New Year's holiday.

Dr. C. Martin of Reno spent the holidays at their Lake Forest home. In that region also Mr. and Mrs. E. Whitby of Reno opened their summer home for the snow sports.

At the Tahoe branch of the Placer Union high school stdeunts are writing their final examinations ths week for the end of their year's work on Janaruy 7. The two students Dick Hinkle and Jimmy Swanson will receive their diplomas when they attend graduation exercises at Auburn in May.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Schumacher of Tahoma have bought a home at Reno.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Simmonds were hosts at a Christmas dinner party for the following guests: Messrs. and Mesdames Philip Gallinger, G. W. Atherton, A. M. Anderson, C. W. Vernon and Miss Florence Vernon and Jack Starratt.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Watson of Grove street were hosts at a pleasant New Year's Eve party for a group of friends. The New Year was merrily welcomed in with the ringing of old historic Tahoe bells.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Soll entertained at a Christmas dinner party for their daughters, Miss Alice and Mrs. Norman Dewhurst and husband who motored up from Berkeley. Another guest was Captain Hans Hansen of Rubicon.

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Tahoe Briefs

Clyde Mayhew writes that he is now located at Anaheim, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Goss left Tahoe this week for Reno where they will live during the winter months.

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Working Here—

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Branch of Carson City are in Truckee while the former is doing work for the telephone company in this district.

To City—

Mr. and Mrs. E. Dugan and children returned to San Francisco on Saturday following a ten-day visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wolert.

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By the end of this year, 54% of the automobiles being used in this country will have celebrated their seventh birthday—which is a ripe old age for an automobile these days. This figure does not include the 2,500,000 cars which have gone to the automobile graveyard during the past two years.

But in spite of the automobile mortality and the decrepit condition of many cars which are still doing their best to carry war workers to jobs, the automobile transportation system of this country is probably better than anyone might have hoped two years ago when the production of cars for civilians was called off.

At the present time our nation's automobile population is about 24,500,000, which is enough to perform most of the necessary jobs which automobiles are called upon to do. But it isn't any more than enough, so that the office of defense transportation is more concerned than ever with keeping all of those automobiles running for the duration of the war.

Gasoline rationing and other war regulations have cut the normal rate of scrappage in half but from now on scrappage must come as close as possible to being entirely eliminated. So, whether we have the gas or not, it is more important than ever that cars be used more sparingly than ever and be taken to the car doctor whenever there is a sign of an ailment.

Back at Lake—

The D. M. Brodehls have returned to Tahoe from Lodi.

From City—

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Pace and their daughter, Sharon, returned from a trip to S anFrancisco this week.

In Nevada City—

Mrs. Gordon Schiffner and son, Jon, are in Nevada City visiting relatives while she is under medical care. They are expected to return next week.

Make Change—

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Ashton, former local resdents, have asked to have the Sierra Sun sent to them at Reno instead of Hawthorne, Nevada.

Transferred to Truckee—

Harvey Oates foreman for the state division of highways has been transferred to Truckee from Tahoe Valley.

Church Notes

Catholic Church
Rev. William Daly, Pastor

Mass at Truckee 9:30 a.m.

Community Church
Mrs. Hazel Brandlin in Charge

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11 a.m. Preaching service.
The Ladies Society will commence activity for the new year next Thursday, January 13. Meeting to be held at the parsonage. All interested ladies are urged to be present.

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The next attraction at the Donner Theater, Battle of Russia, promises to be an outstanding attraction for local theater goers. The documentary feature is not an ordinary picture but reveals many of the actual and authentic happenings in the splendid battles being fought by our Russian allies. The picture has won the approval of censors far and wide and is proclaimed one of the best and most accurate pictured accounts of the current world struggle.

Immediately following The Battle of Russia Saturday, Manager Vern Shattuck has billed The Gang's All Here, featuring Alice Faye, Carmen Miranda and lots of others stars in a technicolor picture which is one of the latest Hollywood productions and which is in its initial run in the San Francisco and Los Angeles theaters.

Wnding up the week's bill for next Wenesday is Let's Face It with Bob Hope and Betty Hutton starring in the leads. The picture is widely acclaimed and is certain to be an amusing story with Bob Hope as the top man.

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January's quota of new bicycles, set at 2,816 for California, is the lowest since bicycle rationing began, according to the OPA. The new quota is only hafl that for December.

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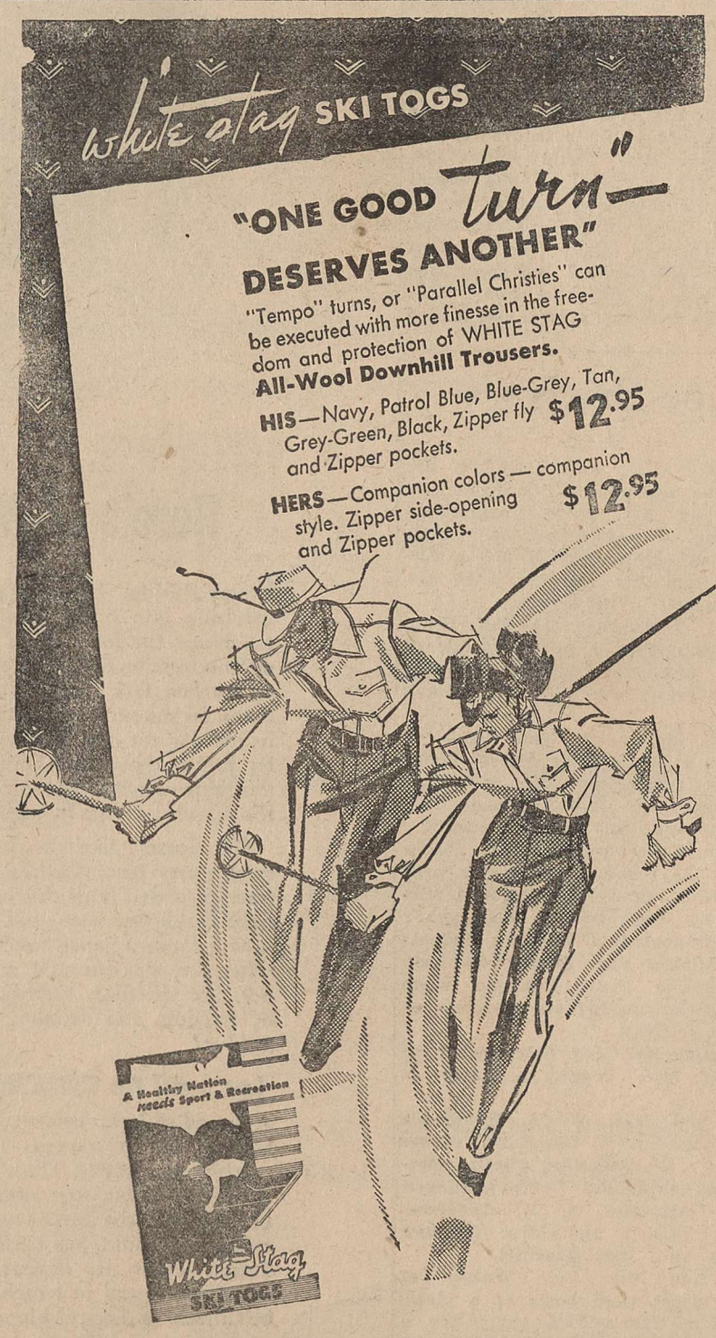
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